GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS IN STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred in all steel plants particularly in Bokaro Steel Plant during the last three years and current year 2002;

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of losses suffered and damage to the plants as a result thereof, plant-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for modernisation of steel plants during the last three years and current year 2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Details of number of reportable accidents which occurred in the public sector steel plants, including Bokaro Steel Plant, during the last three years and 2002 are as under :

YEAR	Reportable accidents in Bokaro Steel Plant	Other public sector steel plants
1999	37	518
2000	71	476
2001	60	419
2002 (Jan.-Oct.)	45	245

(b) Various steps have been taken by the concerned steel plants to avoid accidents, which inter alia include review of overall safety performance, organising specialized programmes at plants and corporate levels, imparting safety training to target group of employees, carrying out safety inspections, round the clock surveillance of major capital repairs/shutdown and inclusion of safety provisions in Standard Operative/Maintenance Practices.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) SAIL had undertaken Modernisation programmes at its three Units, viz. Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP and Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL). Under the Modernisation programme, energy efficient Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF) technology fo steelmaking, has been adopted in place of obsolete Open Hearth Furnaces at Durgapur and Rourkela. Further, Continuous Casting facilities have been provided in all the three plants.

With a view to injecting the desired level of technological dynamism in the steel industry, Government have encouraged foreign technology induction both through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and through foreign technology collaboration agreements. No prior permission of Government is required for FDI in Steel Sector